Adjournment Motions re. delay in introducing measures to relieve Economic depression.

President.—The Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri wants to move the adjournment of the business of the House under Rule 18 for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely:—

The delay in adopting measures Nos. 2 and 3 decided upon as mentioned in Diwan's Order R. 4/470/1109, dated 28th November 1933, for mitigating the effects of the present depression on the agricultural interests of the State and to record the Council's request to adopt them forthwith.

That seems to me to come within the Rules. Therefore I should like to know whether the Hon'ble Member has the leave of the House.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Before that question is put I should like to make a short statement. The question is engaging the very earnest attention of the Government and we would not lose any time in the matter. Therefore I do not know whether there is any need to bring this adjournment motion.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I have also sent a similar motion. We would like to know how matters stand at present. We do not want an adjournment of the House. In the issue of the Government Gazette of the 17th Vrischigam it is stated that the necessary Bills would be brought in in the present Council. But we do not find anything here. We want to know exactly what Government have been doing and what they are prepared to do in the near future.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government have prepared two Bills, but certain doubts have arisen and they are being considered.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—We do not find anything in the agenda paper regarding these Bills. We want to know something definitely about the remedial measures.

Rama Varmha Tampuran—There are certain doubts about the draft Bills. We are considering what should be done.

Mr. George Chakyamuri—Were the doubts raised by the Law Member?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Doubts were also raised by the Law Member and the Government are considering those doubts and as soon as decision is arrived at the matter will be pushed through. I do not think there is any necessity for this adjournment motion. So far as the remission of land revenue is concerned orders have already been passed. The lump allotment of five lakhs has also been passed. I do not think that anything further can be gained by the adjournment motion.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Is it not better for the Government to know also the ideas of the non-official members?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then the motion should not be in the form ofan adjournment motion. An adjournment motion always implies a censure of the Government. The correct thing for the members would have been to table a resolution. We would only have welcomed it.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—The Government have definitely promised to introduce the Bills in the next sitting of the Council. But we donot find anything. This is the only occasion on which we will be able to express our views.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then it should not be in the form of an adjournment motion. Any other method can be adopted.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—No other method is available.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Speaking for myself, so far as my motion is concerned, I do not want to press it if the Government give asubstantial reply that something would be done before the Kumbham sitting. We do not want any evasive answers.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—The Hon'ble the Secretary to the Diwan has stated that the matter is engaging the earnest consideration of the Government. Bills have been drafted. Hon'ble Members are well aware that legislation on such matters is be set with very serious difficulties. For one thing we are treading practically new ground. When we are dealing with one class of people we cannot legislate in such a way as to destroy another. This is a very serious problem and that problem is being very anxiously investigated. I may assure the House that not one minute is wasted or lost in this connection. I do not think that any Government can do more. With regard to matters on which nosuch serious difficulties existed, the Government has acted promptly. Loan orders have already been passed; applications have been received and money will be disbursed very soon. Hon'ble Members may rest assured that every possible thing is being done by the Government to help the hard-hit agriculturists.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—By this motion we want to strengthen the hands of the Government in the matter of the proposed legislation.

President.—The motion before the House is only whether the Member has the leave of the House. Hon'ble members cannot be allowed todebate upon it at this stage.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—With your leave I want to make it clear that there is a very strong feeling among the

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citizens of the State that although both His Highness the Maharaja and the Diwan are willing to afford timely help the Heads of Departments are standing obstacles in our way. Although the Deity is willing to bless us, Poojari is not. That is the impression in the public mind.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—There is no such feeling as far as we are concerned.

President.—Regarding the Heads of Departments I must say that the Diwan Peishkar and the Government Advocate are taking every pains to see that the matter is expedited.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—We want this wrong impression in the public minds to be corrected. If we are given an assurance that something would be done before the next sitting in Kumbham we do not want to move this adjournment motion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There were three palliative measures promised by the Government. One was with respect to land revenue. It has already been put in operation. Another was with respect to loans. They will be disbursed shortly. As the Law Member said, with regard to legislation to regulate usury there are practical difficulties. They are being deeply considered by Government. That is the reason for the delay. That is how matters stand.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sir, may I know whether it was my motion that was read?

President.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Of course the intensity of the feeling on this question has been very clearly exhibited on the floor of this House. (*Hear, hear.*) There has been the earnestness of the Government in the matter thoroughly and entirely exhibited by the remarks of the Hon'ble members on the official side. In the light of these I do not think it necessary to press the motion but at the same time I would earnestly request the Government to do all that is possible to facilitate the introduction of the measure as early as possible. Though, as was pointed out by another Hon'ble Member, there is the definite statement at page 157 of the Gazette that a Bill will be introduced in the next Legislative Session of the Council, we have had the spectacle of five Government Bills introduced in this meeting and yet this does not find a place even as the sixth. On the distinct assurance given by the Hon'ble Members on behalf of the Government that the matter will be expedited, I do not press the motion.

Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.

President.—The Hon'ble Member for Trichur has tabled an identical motion.

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Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I too do not press the motion.

Hence the following Adjournment motion was also considered withdrawn.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—*The delay in the introduction of measures calculated to relieve economic depression as adumbrated in the Diwan's Proceedings in R. 4. 407/09, dated 28th November 1933, and published in the issue of the Cochin Government Gazette of the 17th Vrischigam 1109 M. E.*

Point of Order: re. Statement of Expenditure—(*contd.*)

President.—A point of order was raised yesterday by the Hon'ble Member for Kunnamkulam in connection with the placing of a statement of expenditure with regard to some demands made by Government in the Budget Session and which were not granted by the House. My ruling on the point of order is that a statement should have been placed on the Table under section 16 (8) of the Council Regulation. I think the Hon ble Member's contention is correct and the statement should have been placed.

Placing of Statement.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I regret that it was an omission and with the permission of the House I wish to place a statement.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The same point of order relates to the placing on the table of the Council the action taken by the Government together with a copy of the declaration made by the Diwan.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The statement contains the declaration of the Diwan also.

Under Rule 51 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the Table the following statement of demands resorted by the Government under section 16 (8) of the Legislative Council Regulation, VIII of 1098 in the Budget Estimate for the year 1109 as passed by the Council.

Item No.	Amount Rs.	Declaration by the Diwan
14—General Administration	Rs. 77,152	The Diwan by virtue of the powers conferred on him by section 16 (8) of the Legislative Council Regulation declared that this is essential for the discharge of the responsibilities of the Government and it has, therefore, been resorted.

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